

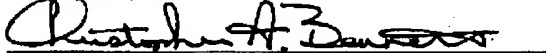
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Date: April 20, 2004


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hirokazu KANEKIYO et al. Serial No.: 09/986,390 Filing Date: November 8, 2001 For: NANOCOMPOSITE MAGNETIC AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	Art Unit: 1742 Examiner: J. Sheehan
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-months extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 20, 2003, or until April 20, 2004.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$310.00 to pay for the second month of the two-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1). Applicants previously paid for the first month on March 22, 2004.

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Dated: April 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,


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